

Florida

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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- Firearm traces are designed to assist law enforcement authorities in conducting investigations by tracking the sale and possession of specific firearms. Law enforcement agencies may request firearms traces for any reason, and those reasons are not necessarily reported to the Federal Government. Not all firearms used in crime are traced and not all firearms traced are used in crime.
- Firearms selected for tracing are not chosen for purposes of determining which types, makes or models of firearms are used for illicit purposes. The firearms selected do not constitute a random sample and should not be considered representative of the larger universe of all firearms used by criminals, or any subset of that universe. Firearms are normally traced to the first retail seller, and sources reported for firearms traced do not necessarily represent the sources or methods by which firearms in general are acquired for use in crime.

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced in Florida in Calendar Year 2019



24,068

Firearm Types with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Machineguns	Derringers	Other
16,773	2,931	2,528	1,385	169	130	152

* Other includes Receivers/Frames, Unknown Types, Silencers, Combinations, Any Other Weapons and Destructive Devices.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery



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9mm	.40 Cal	.380 Cal	.22 Cal	.45 Cal	.38 Cal	12GA	.357 Cal	7.62mm	5.56mm
8,184	2,762	2,546	2,039	1,624	1,445	1,040	592	515	466

NOTE: There were 2,478 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 377 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery

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Firearm Under Investigation	Possession of Weapon	Found Firearm	Dangerous Drugs	Health Safety	Aggravated Assault	Family Offense	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Weapon Offense	Suicide	Homicide
4,689	3,840	3,467	1,657	1,401	1,294	1,237	1,236	883	846	672

NOTE: There were 2,846 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Florida	Georgia	Alabama	Texas	North Carolina
15,322	805	366	304	222
Ohio	Virginia	Tennessee	South Carolina	Pennsylvania
164	157	156	152	149
Indiana	Louisiana	Kentucky	Mississippi	New York
137	109	108	104	83

NOTE: An additional 35 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia accounted for 1,058 other traces.

The source state was identified in 19,396 total traces.



Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Under 3 Months	3 Months to Under 7 Months	7 Months to Under 1 Year	1 Year to Under 2 years	2 Years to Under 3 Years	3 Years and Over
1,095	959	1,089	2,475	2,176	11,324

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Florida Average Time-to-Crime: **7.96 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Time-to-Crime: **8.29 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
587	1,603	1,566	2,835	3,669	1,789	2,470

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 Florida Average Age of Possessor: **36 Years**

1/1/2019-12/31/2019 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Jacksonville	Orlando	Tampa	Miami	Pensacola	West Palm Beach	Tallahassee	Ocala	Fort Myers	Naples
2,812	2,071	1,563	1,499	926	854	693	395	384	358

NOTE: There were 429 additional municipalities that accounted for 12,079 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 434 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Florida. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Florida.
- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019.
- Duplicate traces, Firearms Not Recovered, Gun Buyback and Firearms Turned In are not included in this figure.
- Data was extracted from the Firearms Tracing System (FTS) on April 10, 2020.
- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced. Beginning in CY 2010, attempted homicide, attempted suicide and negligent vehicular manslaughter are reported in separate categories.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics (continued)

Top Source States for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Traces must identify a purchaser and the state in which the final dealer is located.

Time-to-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Traces must identify a purchaser.
- Time-to-Crime was calculated for those traces in which the purchase date could be subtracted from the recovery date.

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Includes traces that provide a possessor and the possessor's date of birth.
- Possessor's age is calculated by subtracting the possessor's date of birth from the recovery date.

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Florida Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.
- Includes traces with a recovery city, or, if the recovery city was not provided, the requesting agency had jurisdiction only within that city.